

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
(Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 49th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason- Dixon Line: Milestone No. 49 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 52)

2 LOCATION

(not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER

south side of Smith Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

New Freedom

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Baltimore / PA: York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ NO (unexposed)☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

(see surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1568 entered 3/8/79

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 49(52), if still in place as local residents believe it is, would mark Mason and Dixon's 49th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It was in place though "covered by 4 inches of soil" at the time of the 1950 inspection of markers along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, as was also attested by the enclosed xerox copies of photos in the Trussell collection (PP2.42) in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore (taken c. 1948-50). Although not completely uncovered at that time, it appeared to be in relatively good condition, and is one of the original Mason and Dixon milestones of 1766, at its original site, though had been reset in 1902 by the ¹⁹⁰⁰⁻⁰³ Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. If still standing, it would be one of 10 original milestones remaining along the present Baltimore/York county boundary.

The area here is gently rolling farmland on both sides of Smith Mill Road. The site is about 1 mile northwest of the scattered settlement of Oakland, MD; about 1½ miles southwest of the center of the town of New Freedom, PA; about midway between New Freedom and Keeney Mill roads, close to the southside of Smith Mill Road, ^{unexposed} below grade level, in a narrow ^{fenced} cattle lane connecting two pastures. The lane is very compacted and was impossible to prod for the monument, and despite having the former and present property owners show the approximate site ^{where} they remembered seeing it quite some time ago, digging there for half a day did not unearth it. However: as part of the follow-up Phase II of this project, it will be found through local or civil engineer help.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (reset 1902) ~~BALTIMORE/YORK COUNTY~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

There are 24 crownstones and 111 milestones still standing along Mason and Dixon's West Line, set at mile intervals through mile No. 132, and the 12 beyond that point (3 crownstones; 9 milestones) at irregular intervals as additions to the Line. Milestone No. 49(52), if found in place, would be of ^{national and state} significance primarily as one of this series of original milestones of 1766, at its original site, where it was ^{more securely} reset in 1902 at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Individually, and as one of 10 original milestones still marking the present Baltimore/York county boundary, No. 49(52) would also be of considerable significance locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

UTM: 18.35319.439795

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Baltimore

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY York

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer Mason-Dixon West Line marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE (site surveyed)
1/19/80 & 11/7/83 NOT foundSTREET & NUMBER
14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE
301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN Phoenix

MARYLAND 21131

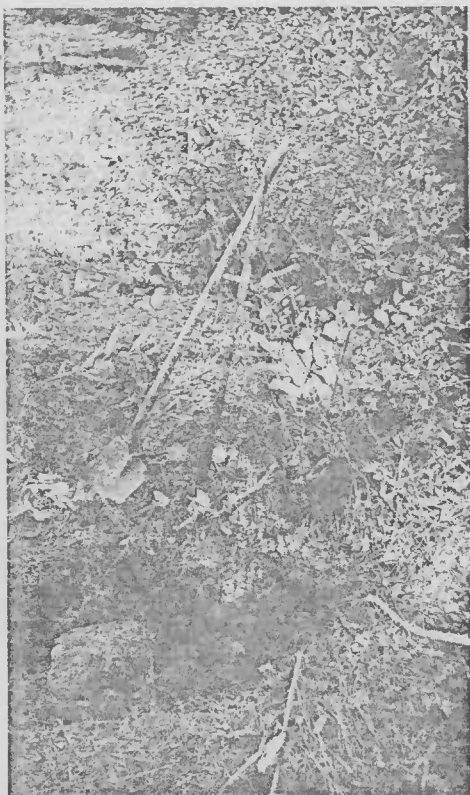
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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NOTE: PHOTO DUPLICATES GIVEN TO MHS
BY MHS 9/23/81 (2 IN BALTO. CO. MARKET NOTES BOOK)

SMITH
MILL
ROAD →



FENCE

PP2.42.2a PHOTO: DR. A.L. TRUSSELL
S/S VIEW OF STONE (C. 1948-50)
IN RELATION TO SMITH MILL RD & FENCE



PP2.42.1a
N/S PHOTO: DR. A.L. TRUSSELL (C. 1948-50)



PP2.42.4a PHOTO: DR. A.L. TRUSSELL
S/S & UNIDENTIFIED MAN
HARRY SHAVER (died) (C. 1948-50)



PP2.42.3a PHOTO:
S/S + DR TRUSSELL (C. 1948-50)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE; MILESTONE 49(52), APPROX. SITE
AS MARKED BY FORMER OWNER, OF PROPERTY SURROUNDING
MONUMENT, G. WALTER SHUPPERT

VIEW LOOKING SE FROM SMITH MILL ROAD

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 11/7/83 (1983.10. 22A)